



Alaska Interagency
Coordination Center



Morning Highlights

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Wildland Fire Update

Three new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Monday. Two of the fires were lightning caused fires in the Galena Zone. One was declared a natural out at 2 acres and the other was reported at 3 acres 35 miles southwest of Galena. The lightning caused Muskeg Fire on State land was reported at 25 acres. Eight Alaska Fire Service smokejumpers, two heavy air tankers and a helicopter responded from McGrath.

As of 9 am Friday, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center had tallied 433 fires and 1,144,009.4 acres burned this year. At this time last year, 323 fires had burned 75,246.1 acres. 67 fires are active across Alaska. 10 fires are staffed.

For updated information about the Railbelt Complex fires which includes the Minto Flats South Fire, Lunch Lake Fire and the June Creek Fire, call the Fire Information Office in Nenana at 907-832-1836. Additional information about the fire is being posted at: www.inciweb.org.

For updated information about the Shanta Creek fire, call the Fire Information Office at 907-260-2338 or 2342 through 6:00 pm Tuesday, July 21. Starting on Wednesday, operational control of the fire will transition to a Type 3 Incident Management Team. For fire information, contact the Kenai Refuge at 907-262-7021 or the Alaska Division of Forestry at 907-260-4262. Fire information is posted at www.inciweb.org and <http://kenai.fws.gov> and email can be addressed to r7shanta@fws.gov.

For updated information about the Chakina Fire, call the Fire Information Office at 907-529-0511 or send email to: ChakinaFireInfo@gmail.com. Fire information is also posted at www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm

News releases and additional information about these fires are posted under Current News at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>

Red Flag Warnings are in effect from noon Tuesday through midnight for strong winds for a portion of central interior and also for Deltana and Tanana Flats for strong winds and relative humidities below 30% in the afternoon and early evening.

Information about weather can be found at: <http://afshome/predsvcs/weather.php>

Staffed Fires

Fire Name	Approx. Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
<i>Railbelt Complex</i>			Alaska Type 2 Incident Mgt. Team
			Boise Hotshots
			Bonneville Hotshots
			Fairbanks #1 Type 2 crew
			Fairbanks #4 Type 2 crew
			Idaho City Hotshots
			Pilot Station
			Sawtooth Hotshots
			Upper Tanana #1 Type 2 crew
Fires in Complex			243 personnel in Complex
Minto Flats South	12 mi west of Nenana	183,634 acres	
Lunch Lake	20 mi. NW of Nenana	6,477 acres	
June Creek	21 miles NW of Healy	164 acres	

Rock Slough	50 mi. NE of Ft. Yukon	23,794 acres	98 personnel
			Beaver/Stevens Village Type 2 crew
			Ft. Yukon #2 Type 2 crew
			Midnight Sun Hotshots
			Minto #1 Type 2 crew
Little Black One	18 mi. NE of Circle	138,000 acres	57 personnel
			Fort Yukon #3 Type 2 crew
			Venetie #2 Type 2 crew
Muskeg Creek		25 acres	12 personnel
Eagle Creek 2	29 mi. E of Bettles	2,100 acres	2 personnel
Willow Mountain	10 mi. S of Copper Center	9 acres	26 personnel

			Chena Hotshots (demob planned for 7/22)
Chakina	13 mi. S of McCarthy	32,000 acres	108 personnel
			Augusta Hotshots
			Pioneer Peak Hotshots
Cheeneetnuk		38,142 acres	8 personnel
Shanta Creek	Off Funny River Road	13,221 acres	155 personnel ordered
	Kenai		NIMO Type 1
			Alaska Interagency #3 T2
			Denali Type 2IA
Wood River 1	27 mi. S of Fairbanks	3,624.6 acres	9 personnel

Air Quality information for the Fairbanks North Star Borough is posted at: <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/>. For July 21 at 11 am, the air quality was reported as good.

To learn about protecting yourself from smoke, visit: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

For daily fire information, please visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> and for a map of fire locations, click on "Fire Information" at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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